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1. Reaction to President KENNEDY's Toast
2. Diet Session Beginning
3. JSP-Sohyo Sponsored Peace Rally
4. Defense Academy Cadets Authorized to Wear Sabres

POLITICAL

## 1. Reaction to President KENNEDY's Toast

That portion of President Kennedy's luncheon toast expressing "hope that in months ahead thought can be given to what role we can play as partners....to prevent domination of Asia by Communist movement" and Japanese reaction thereto became top story December 5-6. Initial reaction among government spokesmen was cautious; PriMin IKEDA, however, in meeting with press December 6, broadcast nationwide, clearly endorsed importance given by President to countering "Stalinist" Communist expansionism and identified himself with that struggle. He added, however, that prevention Communist expansionism entirely different from "roll back" policy advocated by former Secretary DULLES. Further, Ikeda distinguished between this position and that on trade and, citing example NATO countries, said Japan would continue to trade with Communist China. Business circles commented President's statement implied Japan should be more restrictive than Western European countries in trading with ComChina at time when US limiting purchases from Japan. JSC and JCP opposition denounced President's statement as indicating US pressure

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on Japan join military alliance against ComChina and have indicated intention relate ROK-Japan normalization negotiations and China trade problem to President's statement in effort embarrass government during coming Diet session (Item 2). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: PriMin's forthright stand encouraging evidence of Japan's progress toward maturer role in world affairs, but reaction President's statement illustrates continuing Japanese hypersensitivity to any suggestion US putting pressure on Japan or seeking involve it in East-West politico-military confrontation. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Diet Session Beginning

Extraordinary Diet session, set for December 8-19, will have as main legislative business definition of GOJ coal policy (measures to ease effects of rationalization on industry and miners), implementation of government employee base pay raises approved earlier by Personnel Authority, supplemental budget, and fixing of unified date for local elections next spring. Opposition will attack GOJ coal policy vigorously, but as of now seems likely it will eventually bow to inevitable and accept definition more or less along lines of coal survey team's recommendations (WEEKA 42, Item 3), permitting fairly orderly completion of most of legislative program within projected dates of session. Verbal fireworks will probably be touched off by foreign policy questions, with Opposition criticizing PriMin's European tour, ROK-Japan talks, Washington meeting of Joint Committee on Trade and Economics, focusing particularly on luncheon speech of President Kennedy (Item 1). (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Comment: PriMin IKEDA's opening policy address expected set tone for foreign policy debate; he will presumably, in addition to reviewing his European trip, reiterate general line of his December 6 press conference re China policy, which should put Government in strong position to counter leftist attacks. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

3. JSP-Sohyo Sponsored Peace Rally

"People's Convention for Prohibition of Nuclear Bombs and for Peace," sponsored by Japan Socialist Party (JSP), Sohyo and eight other national organizations (WEEKA 46, Item 2), held in Hiroshima December 3-4 with over 2,000 delegates attending. Convention leaders emphasized "reconstruction" and unification of anti-nuclear bomb movement on basis opposition to testing by any nation and efforts to reunite Gensuikyo on basis this principle. Until Gensuikyo thus reunited, independent movement will be carried on through organization created in preparation for Hiroshima convention. On final day, convention approved four point statement of objectives: 1) demand conclusion by January 1, 1963 of test ban agreement; 2) opposition to nuclear arming of Japan; 3) assistance for

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Japanese A-bomb victims; and 4) support for Moscow Disarmament Conference. Convention also issued "Hiroshima Appeal" emphasizing opposition to all nuclear testing and demanding GOJ implement convention statement of objectives. Decision made to hold similar convention in Okinawa next May.

In press conference on second day, newly-elected JSP SecGen NARITA, who addressed convention, pledged his party to submit draft "no nuclear weapons" resolution to coming extraordinary session of Diet. Narita also joined Sohyo SecGen IWAI in dismissing as "nonsense" offer made December 3 by Democratic Socialist Party (DSP) Chairman NISHIO to co-operate in unification of anti-nuclear bomb movement provided Hiroshima Convention severed ties with Japan Communist Party (JCP). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Principal objective JSP and Sohyo is probably to consolidate and strengthen position in effort obtain firm grip on leadership of Gensuikyo. Perpetuation of convention organization also provides JSP additional organizational base for its efforts take leading role in "peace movement" in competition with JCP. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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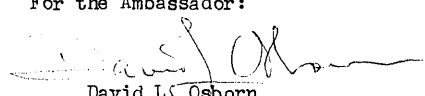
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4. Defense Academy Cadets Authorized to Wear Sabres

Ordinance signed by Prime Minister IKEDA on November 29 approving four-star rank for Defense Force officers (WEEKA 48, Item 4) also authorized Defense Academy cadet officers of platoon leader level and above to wear dress sabres for ceremonial occasions. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Despite fact that since its establishment considerable effort has been made to promote Defense Academy as an academic rather than military institution, this step in line with efforts of Defense Agency Director General SHIGA to develop military spirit throughout SDF. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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2. ROK-Japan Relations
3. Korean Exiles Issue Statement
4. Minimum Wage Standard Set for Coal Miners
5. Second GSDF Slapping Incident
6. JMSDF Launches Submarine Fuyushio

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## POLITICAL

### 1. Extraordinary Diet Session Opens

Extraordinary Diet session (WEEKA 49, Item 2) got under way December 10 with PriMin's policy speech and Opposition interpellations providing prelude to debate on ROK-Japan normalization talks and coal policy, key issues for this session. In notably firm defense of Government's foreign and economic policies, PriMin IKEDA's speech underscored importance Japan's close association with Free World, GQJ determination bring ROK-Japan talks to successful conclusion, and readiness press forward with its policy for coal industry despite Socialist Party (JSP) and trade union opposition. In subsequent plenary session interpellations, PriMin and FonMin OHIRA expressed support for President KENNEDY's statement re importance of countering threat Communist expansionism (WEEKA 49, Item 1), although PriMin emphasized this problem not related to Japan's trade with Communist China. Opposition attacks on Government's policies, co-ordinated with Sohyo's campaign of demonstrations and limited strike action centering on coal

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policy dispute, continued in committee sessions. Taking advantage of contradiction in statements of Agriculture and Forestry Minister SHIGEMASA on Government policy re compensation to areas affected by coal industry, Opposition on December 12 deadlocked Lower House Budget Committee by refusing continue debate until discrepancy resolved to its satisfaction. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JSP obstructionist tactics in Lower House Budget Committee evidently timed to point up Sohyo-led campaign which called for nation-wide demonstrations and strike action on December 14. Some delay in passage supplementary budget now likely, but it is expected Government will be able obtain passage major portion its legislative program, including measures related to coal policy, before close session scheduled for December 19. (UNCLASSIFIED)

## 2. ROK-Japan Relations

Japanese delegation to Korea led by Bamboku ONO, LDP Vice President and Naka FUNADA, Chairman of the LDP Foreign Policy Research Committee, concluded four-day visit December 13. Upon return, Ono told reporters Japan should normalize relations with ROK at earliest possible moment and that if present favorable opportunity for normalizing relations is lost, another such opportunity might not be available for ten years or more. During Ono visit, ROK announced release 33 Japanese fishermen, December 12. Following day, however, ROK seized 3 more Japanese fishing boats.

Foreign Office officials during past week expressed to Embassy extreme disappointment Korean draft fisheries agreement, stating extreme ROK position could not be regarded as evidence sincere desire continue discussions. However, ROK leaders reportedly told Ono that Korean side ready submit more flexible draft. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Ono's trip marks another step in GOJ education of Japanese public on necessity normalizing ROK relations. Fisheries negotiations and terms under which loans will be provided ROK in financial settlement provide ample ground for further negotiations, but there is no indication they likely prove bar to conclusion of agreement by next spring. (CONFIDENTIAL)

## 3. Korean Exiles Issue Statements

Five former Korean political leaders headed by Il Dong YANG, former floor leader of Korean New Democratic Party, issued public statement and held press conference December 11. Lengthy statement condemned present ROK "undemocratic" rule stating political freedom and democracy unlikely to be restored in near future. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: This group obtained very little publicity Japanese press. However, their statement likely to be utilized by Socialists (JSP) in questioning stability present ROK regime. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Minimum Wage Standard Set for Coal Miners

Labor Minister OHASHI announced December 11 establishment of ¥ 16,000 (\$44.44) monthly minimum wage for all underground workers in coal industry. Minimum wage system goes into effect April 1, 1963 for 103,000 miners employed by major companies and in April 1965 for 52,000 miners employed by small and medium-sized enterprises. Labor Ministry estimates that wages of only five per cent of miners will be affected by new regulation. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: In establishing first <sup>national,</sup> ~~XXXXXX~~ industry-wide minimum wage since adoption Minimum Wage Law in 1959, Government has taken first step in creation of comprehensive minimum wage system. Although unions have been pressing for such system, thus far application of 1959 law had been confined to intra-industry minimum wage agreements among employers which did not significantly affect wage levels. Application of minimum wage system to miners at this time represents part of deal with labor whereby Government plans to streamline coal industry, involving major reduction in work force. In return, GOJ agreed to improve working conditions for miners and assist miners scheduled to be discharged. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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5. Second GSDF Slapping Incident

Press has reported that a Ground Self Defense Force non-commissioned officer at Camp Itami near Osaka on December 1 struck four men "as a means of enforcing discipline". GSDF officially confirmed incident and report that five-man team under Major General Seiji TSUTSUMI, Inspector General, had been sent to investigate. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Incident follows close on heels of similar case in October (WEEKA 45, Item 8). GSDF concern over this second incident probably as much over disregard of GSDF Chief of Staff's stern warning against such practices issued few weeks ago as over incident itself. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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6. JMSDF Launches Submarine Fuyushio

Japanese Maritime Self Defense Force's small but growing submarine force was increased to total of six (five Japanese built) when Fuyushio (SS 524) was

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launched at Kawasaki Dockyard in Kobe December 14. 780-ton Fuyushio, is scheduled to be delivered to JMSDF in January 1963. (UNCLASSIFIED)


Comment: All Japanese-built JMSDF submarines to date, with exception of 1100-ton Oyashio, have been 780 tons or less since subs designed for use in anti-submarine warfare and defense of Japan only. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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2. JCP Acknowledges Sino-Soviet Split
3. ROK-Japan Negotiations
4. MSDF Short Take Off and Landing (STOL) Seaplane Fails to Make Scheduled Flight Tests
5. Assignment of Nike Battalion

## POLITICAL

### 1. Extraordinary Diet Session Draws to Close

Diet proceedings hit snag December 12 when Agriculture Minister tried, in committee hearing, to correct portion of his December 10 plenary session testimony. (he had implied central government would foot bill for damages to agricultural land caused by cave-ins of abandoned mines, etc., when he should have said costs would be shared by central and local governments). JSP used this as pretext for boycott of session in effort pressure Government into new concessions to coal miners. After four days of negotiations, LDP and JSP were on verge of compromise which would have embodied substantial benefits for coal miners (raise in unemployment compensation, Government pledge to aim for higher level of sustained domestic coal consumption), when JSP overreached itself by throwing in extraneous and arbitrary demand for small raise in Government employees bonus. LDP thereupon called deal off, resumed

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Lower House sessions without participation of Opposition and passed its bills (including supplemental budget) without amendment. Bills then went to Upper House, where LDP obtained vote extending session until December 22; and GOJ has expressed determination pass all bills by that date. Opposition has not so far boycotted Upper House sessions, but has been attacking Government with apparent aim of drawing out session, perhaps pressuring Government into re-statement of some of concessions they had almost won under ill-fated compromise. Government has given no indication it prepared to yield its ground. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JSP has suffered ignominious defeat and been subjected to unusually strong press criticism. Caught in competing demands from coal miners and government employees and overconfident because of apparent success in winning concessions for miners, JSP leadership apparently overreached itself at last minute, failing to realize that LDP not happy about tentative compromise plan and would welcome chance to repudiate it. New JSP leadership (WEEK 48, Item 1) showed itself less skillful in parliamentary negotiation and less able to resist pressures from within party and unions. Thus far, developments do not appear signify radical left shift on part JSP or return to high posture on part LDP. Regular Diet, to begin later this month, likely be somewhat stormier ~~session~~ than last few sessions, but no fundamental shift expected away from post-1960 adherence to principle parliamentary normalcy which has characterized policies both major parties. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 2. JCP Acknowledges Sino-Soviet Split

Japan Communist Party took overt cognizance of Sino-Soviet rift in December 18 Akahata, running Tass version Khrushchev's December 12 speech and People's Daily editorial of December 15 side by side. Akahata comment limited to date and source each article and terse reiteration previous JCP pronouncements stressing unity and deploring disputes in international communist movement. As reflected in comment, JCP position is that intra-bloc differences must be settled quickly and correctly, according principles 1960 Moscow Declaration and Statement; leaders of parties involved must address one another, meeting, if necessary, to reach agreement. Organ also cites - but with no reference to content - previous Akahata editorial which characterized Yugoslav-style "modern revisionism" as "main danger to development world communist movement". (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Akahata coverage current Moscow-Peking exchange marks JCP's first clear identification of principals in "intra-party differences" to which organ has made only occasional, vague references in past. While subject to increasingly strong Chicom influence, ~~for not outright dominance~~, JCP has heretofore adhered publicly to fiction of strict independence, and maintained circumspect attitude toward both major communist powers. References to friction within communist bloc have been rare and indirect. Suggestions of pro-Chicom sentiment this occasion constitute nothing which JCP has not said before; placed directly in context of Sino-Soviet split, however, they take on critical tone toward Soviet Union which Party has until now taken pains to avoid. In overall perspective,

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JCP decision refer openly to Sino-Soviet differences after long silence appears more significant as indication heightened intensity Sino-Soviet split than in terms JCP orientation within bloc. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. RCK-Japan Negotiations

Primin approved financial settlement \$300 million grant payable ten equal annual installments, \$200 million loans over 10-year period, with Korea to pay \$45 million open account indebtedness in three years. Although RCK and GOW negotiators not agreed on interest rates of loans and method repayment open account, both sides optimistic early agreement. Wide disagreement remains on fisheries issue, however. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Although Ikeda decision on financial settlement evoked little press reaction, comment was generally favorable. Fisheries disagreement may be narrowed by new Korean proposal, which they promised if Ikeda approved principles financial settlement, but Japanese negotiators not optimistic early solution. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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4. MSDF Short Take Off and Landing (STOL) Seaplane Fails to Make Scheduled Flight Tests

After failing to make tests set for early November, MSDF anti-submarine warfare STOL seaplane, constructed by Shin Meiwa Industries, again failed to make scheduled flight tests scheduled for December 18. Naval Attache informed that failure result technical problems with basic controls and that to date only taxi tests have been conducted. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Comment: MSDF has placed major emphasis on STOL seaplane development. Continued failures may jeopardize Diet approval seaplane project budget during regular session. JDA also may regard failures as loss of face since they had hoped introduce STOL project in US-Japan Defense Development Data Exchange program (WEEK 46, Item 8). (CONFIDENTIAL)

Army

5. Assignment of Nike Battalion

Announcement expected near future assigning Nike Antiaircraft Missile Battalion, scheduled for activation in calendar 1963, to Air Self Defense Force (ASDF) despite strenuous objections of General Kan OHMORI, Ground Self Defense Force (GSDF) Chief of Staff. Announcement being withheld pending resolution of budget and personnel problems created by this decision. Question assignment Nike Battalion to GSDF or ASDF has been pending over two years. (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

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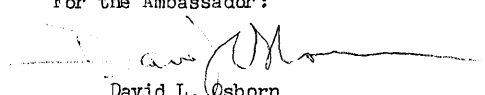
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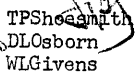
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Comment: Nike problem has been subject of dispute, not only among uniformed personnel but also among civilian officials of Defense Agency. Lack of decisive action on this problem to date has hindered establishment of firm basis for SDF air defense planning. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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1. Deadlock in Diet
2. ROK-Japan Talks
3. Nike-Ajax Decision Reached
4. Commander First Air Force to be Promoted to Vice Admiral

POLITIC

1. Deadlock in Diet

Price-extended extraordinary Diet session ended December 23 with impass over coal policy (WEEKA 51, Item 1) unresolved. With regular Diet session set to open December 24, LDP caught in bind, unable to extend session further or override JSP filibustering tactics (thanks to which new record for continuous of Upper House was set: three days and two nights). As result, only bills passed were supplementary budget and three other less important measures, including one which set April 17 as date for local elections in places of over 500,000 population, April 30 for others. Neither coal policy bills nor implementing legislation for government employee pay raises were passed, and they must now be reintroduced in Lower House. JSP issued statement declaring boycott of Lower House proceedings in regular session unless LDP agreed to its demands on coal policy, including raise in daily compensation for unemployed miners from ¥ 450 to ¥ 600. Following formal opening December 24 (JSP absenting self from Lower House), Diet went into holiday recess until January 16. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Press has been unwontedly critical of JSP. However, new JSP leadership, which not firmly in saddle in any case, would have difficulty in backing down from its demands without appearing betray miners, rendering itself vulnerable to high-postured leftist anti-mainstream. IKEDA's ability to compromise is similarly limited; his high-postured rivals in party would pounce on opportunity to attack him for softness. Compromise resolution of deadlock still not out of question, but some observers beginning talk about possibility of early dissolution of Diet. (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. ROK-Japan Talks

GOJ December 26 agreed to ROK position that all \$200 million loan portion of financial settlement come from Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund at 3.5 per cent interest repayable in 20 years. GOJ maintained that ROK should in principle agree repay \$45 million open account within three years but in practice will permit sum to be deducted from first three annual payments of \$300 million grant portion financial settlement if ROK insists. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Japanese consider they have made great concession and expect Koreans to be more forthcoming in fisheries negotiations. Japanese acceptance low interest rate has implications for Japanese loans and reparations to several other nations including Indonesia, Pakistan and India. Burma, whose delegation due mid-January negotiate revised reparation agreement, may be first to ask for new terms similar ROK settlement. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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3. Nike-Ajax Decision Reached

Defense Agency Director-General SHIGA December 26 gave Japan Self Defense Force Chiefs decision on assignment Nike-Ajax (surface-to-air missile) Battalions (WEEKA 51, Item 5). First Nike Battalion will be activated in Ground Self Defense Force (JGSDF), but will be transferred to Air Self Defense Force (JASDF) effective April 1, 1964. Second battalion will be organized by JASDF.

Shiga also announced that two Hawk Battalions, scheduled for organization in fiscal years 1964 and 1965 will be assigned to JGSDF. Thus, he pointed out, each service will have own surface-to-air missile system. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Nike decision ends more than two years of controversy between proponents of JGSDF and JASDF positions. Shiga gave no date for activation of first Nike battalion, but it anticipated for early 1963. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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4. Commander Fleet Air Force to be Promoted to Vice Admiral


Rear Admiral Tatsuto YAMADA, Commander, Fleet Air Force, MSDF, selected for promotion to Vice Admiral December 25, promotion effective January 1, 1963. Other year-end promotions included four new Rear Admirals. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Promotion of RADM YAMADA brings to two number of aviation VADMs and makes him potential future Self Defense Fleet Commander. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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